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The Oakland Magic Circle
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at
Bjornson Hall, 2258 Macarthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602
Doors open at 6:00 pm
NOVEMBER 2012

Houdini Night!
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 pm
Presentation: 7:45 pm

President's Message

November is already here! National Magic Week is the last week of October and to celebrate, we have a special documentary movie planned for our club. More about that later in the newsletter.

But first, I must back track 2 months to the OMC Inter-Club stage competition. It takes a lot of work to put on an event like this and a very small contingency of our members participate in the set up of our Inter-club show. So, I would like to thank all those who set the room and helped spread the word. Foremost, thank you goes to Byron Walker for getting to the hall so early to get it unlocked for the crew of Dagmar Theison and her Cal Berkeley friends to assist in the table set up. Next, to David Fry, our treasurer for manning the box office and making sure all tickets are accounted for, Mike Della Penna, who took charge of the raffle table. Steve Segal, our stage manager, Ric Ewing who operated the follow spot for the show, and Frank Biafore who took care of the audio portion of the show. Also, THANK YOU EVERYONE who helped with the clean up afterwards. I think we were finished in record time this year!

The contest went on without any flaws. All the contestants drew numbers from a hat to determine the order of performance. Many styles were represented that night. Comedy, manipulation and escapes were displayed to our audience of about 90 enthusiastic guests. The voting for the winner was based on the popular vote, People's Favorite. This year, the

People's Favorite was Magical Nathaniel. He will also be appearing our Installation Banquet in February

When the votes were counted after the contest, the numbers were all within one or two votes of each other. It was a tough competition!

Now on to the future!

Please note this on your calendar: The January meeting will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of January 2013, because January 1st, New Years Day, is also a Tuesday. The second Tuesday of January, Bjornson hall is booked for another event, so we had to change our date. So, be sure to mark TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 for our first meeting of the year and a special guest lecturer!

Because the Houdini event came with some late planning, after the movie we will have some open performance. If you do anything thing that is "Houdiniesque" please come along to perform.

November is also time for our club nomination of officers. At our last board meeting, your board of directors stated that they would like to stay on to serve our club for an additional term. This does not preclude anyone from wanting to join the board as this is your club and there are lots of ideas that get shared at the monthly board meeting.

December, we are going to present Mike Della Penna's Book Club. More later in the newsletter about this.

See you in November!

Magically,
Scott Alcalay

John Calvert at the OMC

At 101 years old the guy still has it. Ok, well, most of it.

I would like to give a special thank you to Rick Allen for orchestrating this event for our club at our October meeting. Rick is an active member in SAM #112. When he discovered that the Concord club did not have a stage for Mr. Calvert, he turned to the OMC to host this very special event. Questions from a special panel which included Alex Ramon, Fred Casto and Dennis Loomis were presented to Calvert as he and Tammy entertained the crowd with very colorful stories of a lifetime of magic.

The introduction of this event was a very well edited timeline of John Calvert's life presented by Jay Alexander.

Thank you, again to Frank Biafore who took care of the audio and provided the projector and screen for this movie.



Magician John Calvert, left, answers questions before performing at Johnson Hall in Oakland last week. Calvert, 101, still travels, lectures and performs around the country with his wife, Tammy, right.

Future Events

November – Nominations for 2013 officers
December – Election of 2013 officers
January 2013 – Lecture (2013 dues due)
February 2013 – Installation Banquet and Show

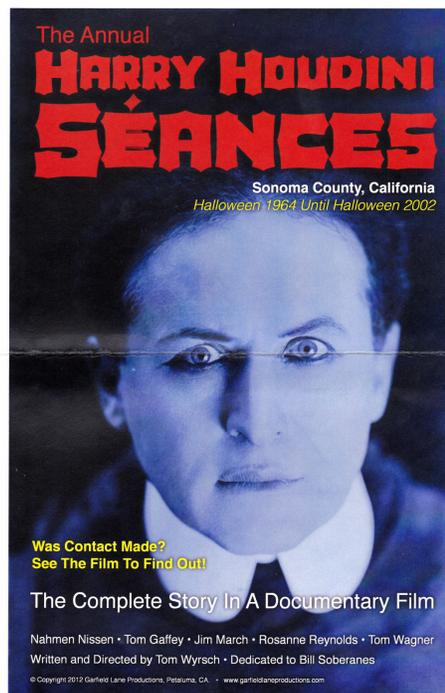
UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

November is Houdini Night!

In Honor of Houdini, who passed away on October 31, our November 6th meeting will be the First Annual Houdini Night. We will lead off with a new documentary on the annual Houdini Seances filmed each Halloween night in Petaluma and Santa Rosa. Featured are local magicians Nahmen Nissen, William Alstrand & others as well as Milt Larsen displaying Houdini memorabilia at the Magic Castle. The

film will be introduced by Tom Wyrsh who previously filmed the documentary on Playland.

After the movie it will be time for members to perform effects in memory of Houdini. Please bring an effect in his memory or show some Houdini memorabilia.



December Meeting: Mike's Book Club.

The OMC Book Club

Magicians love books. Ask Byron Walker. There are more books published on magic than any other hobby in the world. That's a lot of books. And many of you reading this right now are surrounded by hundreds of them. Furthermore, I'll bet the folks in your house don't even appreciate the amazing collection of treasures you have accumulated over the years! Well guess what? WE DO! Bring a few of your favorites to the OMC Book Club this December. Show off a rare first edition. Share a move or two and proudly display the book it came from. Justify the hundreds (thousands?) of dollars you've spent as your peers validate and applaud your choices. Turn someone else on to something excellent. Come take a turn and participate in the OMC Book Club! In addition, the newly cleaned and organized OMC library will be open for business! Hope to see you there!

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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